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## GUILTY PLEA IN EXECUTIVE HEALTH & SPORTS CENTER DEATH THREATS

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Boston Field Office Kenneth W. Kaiser, and Londonderry Chief of Police Joseph Ryan, announced today that Lee Horwitz of Hollis, NH, age 28, pleaded guilty today to making multiple telephonic death threats against individuals at the Executive Health & Sports Center on March 15<sup>th</sup> of this year, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(c).

Horwitz admitted in Court today that on March 15, 2005 he placed several telephone calls from Pennsylvania to the Executive Health & Sports Center, where he had been a member for about a month, trying to speak with a female employee of the Club. When he could not speak with the female employee Horwitz became frustrated and told the male employee with whom he was speaking that he was going to blow up the Health Center. Horwitz went on to say that he was going to kill the female employee, that he had a gun in the trunk of his car, and that he was going to kill the male employee as well.

Approximately 100 patrons were evacuated after the threats were made while the Londonderry Police searched the premises, using bomb sniffing dogs. No explosive devices were found. At the time the threats were made, Horwitz's location was unknown. However, using telephone records, the Londonderry Police were able to determine that the calls were made from a residence in Pennsylvania. Local authorities in Pennsylvania went to that location, found Horwitz, and took him into custody. He was subsequently transferred into FBI custody and was transported to New Hampshire, where he has been held without bail ever since.

Horwitz is scheduled to be sentenced at 10:30 a.m. on October 27, 2005. He faces a maximum prison sentence of five years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Londonderry, New Hampshire Police Department. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Arnold Huftalen.